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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

INSERT CLAIMS 1-10

1. (Original) A method comprising:

accepting user input identifying at least two different names for a substantially similar grouping of one or more medical criteria; and

accepting user input specifying at least one of the at least two different names as forming at least a part of an outpatient-inpatient standardized nomenclature for the substantially similar grouping of one or more medical criteria.

2. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said accepting user input identifying at least two different names for a substantially similar grouping of one or more medical criteria comprises:

accepting user input identifying at least one outpatient-facility specific name and at least one inpatient-facility specific name for the substantially similar grouping of one or more medical criteria.

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3. (original) The method of Claim 2, wherein said accepting user input identifying at least one outpatient-facility specific name and at least one inpatient-facility specific name for the substantially similar grouping of one or more medical criteria comprises:

accepting user input identifying a name toxemia as an outpatient-facility specific name, and accepting user input identifying a name preclampsia as an inpatient-facility specific name.

4. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said accepting user input specifying at least one of the at least two different names as forming at least a part of an outpatient-inpatient standardized nomenclature for the substantially similar grouping of one or more medical criteria comprises:

accepting user input specifying at least one inpatient-facility specific name as the outpatient-inpatient standardized nomenclature name for the substantially similar grouping of one or more medical criteria identified by the at least one inpatient-facility specific name and at least one outpatient facility specific name.

5. (original) The method of Claim 4, wherein said accepting user input specifying at least one inpatient-facility specific name as the outpatient-inpatient standardized nomenclature name for the substantially similar grouping of one or more medical criteria identified by the at least one inpatient-facility specific name and at least one outpatient facility specific name comprises:

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accepting user input specifying toxemia as the outpatient-inpatient standardized nomenclature name by which one or more medical criteria identified by the names toxemia and preclampsia shall be identified.

6. (original) A system comprising:

means for accepting user input identifying at least two different names for a substantially similar grouping of one or more medical criteria; and

means for accepting user input specifying at least one of the at least two different names as forming at least a part of an outpatient-inpatient standardized nomenclature for the substantially similar grouping of one or more medical criteria.

7. (original) The system of Claim 6, wherein said means for accepting user input identifying at least two different names for a substantially similar grouping of one or more medical criteria comprises:

means for accepting user input identifying at least one outpatient-facility specific name and at least one inpatient-facility specific name for the substantially similar grouping of one or more medical criteria.

8. (original) The system of Claim 7, wherein said means for accepting user input identifying at least one outpatient-facility specific name and at least one inpatient-facility

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specific name for the substantially similar grouping of one or more medical criteria comprises:

means for accepting user input identifying a name toxemia as an outpatient-facility specific name, and accepting user input identifying a name preclampsia as an inpatient-facility specific name.

9. (original) The system of Claim 6, wherein said means for accepting user input specifying at least one of the at least two different names as forming at least a part of an outpatient-inpatient standardized nomenclature for the substantially similar grouping of one or more medical criteria comprises:

means for accepting user input specifying at least one inpatient-facility specific name as the outpatient-inpatient standardized nomenclature name for the substantially similar grouping of one or more medical criteria identified by the at least one inpatient-facility specific name and at least one outpatient facility specific name.

10. (original) The system of Claim 9, wherein said means for accepting user input specifying at least one inpatient-facility specific name as the outpatient-inpatient standardized nomenclature name for the substantially similar grouping of one or more medical criteria identified by the at least one inpatient-facility specific name and at least one outpatient facility specific name comprises:

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means for accepting user input specifying toxemia as the outpatient inpatient standardized nomenclature name by which one or more medical criteria identified by the names toxemia and preclampsia shall be identified.

Claims 11-18 are canceled.

19. (new) A method for standardizing nomenclatures corresponding to a medical patient, the method comprising:

determining a first nomenclature based on a first set of medical criteria;
determining a second nomenclature based on the first set of medical criteria; and
designating either the first or the second nomenclature as at least part of a standard nomenclature associated with the first set of medical criteria.

20. (new) A method as claimed in claim 19, further comprising:

recording a second set of medical criteria corresponding to the medical patient;
associating the recorded second set of medical criteria with the standard nomenclature.

21. (new) A method as claimed in claim 19, wherein the first nomenclature is determined by an outpatient facility and the second nomenclature is determined by an inpatient facility.

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22. (new) A method as claimed in claim 20, wherein said associating the recorded second set of medical criteria with the standard nomenclature comprises selecting the standard nomenclature from a list comprising a plurality of recorded standard nomenclatures.

23. (new) A method as claimed in claim 19, wherein the first set of medical criteria includes at least one or more of clinically significant medical diagnoses, medical treatments, and medical administrative matters.

24. (new) A method as claimed in claim 20, wherein said associating the recorded second set of medical criteria with the standard nomenclature comprises:
reviewing a list comprising a plurality of recorded standard nomenclatures;
selecting one from the list of standard nomenclatures if the list includes a most relevant standard nomenclature; and
inputting a new standard nomenclature associated with the recorded second set of medical criteria if the list does not include a most relevant standard nomenclature.

25. (new) A system used for standardizing nomenclatures corresponding to a medical patient, the system comprising:
a first storage portion operable to store first and second nomenclatures based on a first set of medical criteria;

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a designation portion operable to designate either the first or the second nomenclature as at least part of a standard nomenclature associated with the first set of medical criteria.

26. (new) A system as claimed in claim 25, further comprising:

a second storage portion operable to store a second set of medical criteria corresponding to the medical patient;

a device operable to associate the recorded second set of medical criteria with the standard nomenclature.